EXHIBIT B

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE: NEURONTIN MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION))))
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)) CASE NO.) 04-10981
RUTH SMITH, Individually and as Widow for the use and benefit of herself and the next of kin of Richard Smith, deceased.))))
05-CV-11515))

DEPOSITION OF

PAMELA KRANCER, APN

Taken on Behalf of the Plaintiffs

June 8, 2007

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1	APPEARANCES:		1	
2	For the Plaintiff:		2	The denogition of DAMELA KDANCED
3	MARK LANIER		ł	1
4	DARA HEGAR PATRICK O'HARA		3	APN, taken on behalf of the Plaintiffs, on the 8th
-	Lanier Law Firm		4	day of June, 2007, in the offices of Howell Allen
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۱ _	Houston, Texas 77069		6	Tennessee, for all purposes under the Federal
6	713.659.5200 713.659.6416		7	Rules of Civil Procedure.
7	wml@lanierlawfirm.com		8	The formalities as to notice,
8	ANDREW G. FINKELSTEIN		1 -	•
_	Finkelstein & Partners		9	caption, certificate, et cetera, are waived. All
9	436 Robinson Avenue Newburgh, New York 12550		10	objections, except as to the form of the
10	800.634.1212		111	questions, are reserved to the hearing.
	afinkelstein@lawampm.com		12	It is agreed that Elisabeth A.
11			13	Miller, being a Notary Public and Court Reporter
12	For the Defendant: KENNETH J. FERGUSON		14	for the State of Tennessee, may swear the witness,
13	Clark, Thomas & Winters		1	
14	P.O. Box 1148		15	and that the reading and signing of the completed
	Austin, Texas 78767		16	deposition by the witness are waived.
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	Also Present: Jason Powers, Videographer		20	* * *
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2	WITNESS: PAMELA KRANCER		2	was called as a witness, and after having been
3	INDEX OF EXAMINATIONS		3	first duly sworn, testified as follows:
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- 1 Q. Do you recall as you sit here whether --
- 2 when you prescribed, back in 2004, Neurontin for
- 3 Mr. Smith, whether there were any warnings or
- precautions in the Neurontin label regarding
- suicide or depression?
- 6 A. I don't remember.
- 7 Q. Okay. And that's fair. I just want to
- make sure.
- 9 Yeah.
- 10 Q. Y'all -- you work in a neurosurgeon's
- 11 office, correct?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. And you worked at neurosurgeon's office
- 14 back in 2004, the time period we're talking about?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. Neurosurgeons, I guess, by definition, are
- 17 brain surgeons?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. And as people who work on the brain, is it
- 20 fair to say they -- that they sometimes need to
- prescribe antiseizure medications?
- 22 A. Yes.

1 A.

- 23 Q. Antiepileptic drugs, correct?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. Or sometimes referred to as AED's?

- 1 very expensive, and samples were very important to
- our patients, because it was -- so, you know.
- That's just it. 3

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- 4 Fair enough.
 - MR. FERGUSON: Thank you very much
- for your time Ms. Krancer. I'll pass the witness.
 - How much time?
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 14, 51 is what you 8
- 9 have used.

10 EXAMINATION

- 11 BY MR. LANIER:
- 12 Q. Do you yourself treat epileptics?
- We treat patients with brain tumors that 13 A.
- 14 are on prophylactic medication for seizures.
- 15 When you have been visited by the sales
- 16 folks from the Neurontin drug, have they detailed
- 17 you on using it for pain relief like you were
- doing for Mr. Smith?
- I can't remember -- I don't remember that. 19
- 20 and I have to be honest.
- 21 Q. That's okay.
- 22 In some of the notes that they put on
- 23 here --
- 24 A. Because I ---
- 25 Q. Go ahead.

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- Q. And, in fact, in your office back in the
- 2004 time period, did y'all use Neurontin as an
- 4 antiepileptic drug?
- Yes, sir, we did. 5 Α.

Yes, sir.

- When I say you, I mean did y'all
- 7 prescribe, for your patients, Neurontin as an
- antiepileptic drug? 8
- 9 Yes, sir.
- 10 Q. Mr. Lanier asked you whether the territory
- 11 or the pharmaceutical representatives talked about
- 12 the affect of Neurontin on norepinephrine or
- 13 serotonin. Is it fair to say that generally when
- 14 you talked to pharmaceutical representatives about
- 15 medications, you don't talk in detail about the
- 16 pharmacology of the drug?
- Usually not. And a lot of times, if it's
- 18 to present us with new literature, you know, they
- 19 bring articles. And I can't say with Neurontin
- 20 they did that, but a lot of times they bring us
- 21 new literature, new information on medication,
- 22 things like that. But for the most part, you
- 23 know, it's -- it's just to talk to them, make sure
- 24 we're not having any trouble with the medication.
- 25 And, you know, at the time, Neurontin was

- 1 A. I don't remember when it was for herpetic
- pain, and -- I mean, there's been a lot of
- 3 transition with the medication, and I don't
- remember the chronologic changes with the drug.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. That's just being honest. So when the
- 7 drug changed, it's what we were using it for. I'm
- not sure I can tell you exactly the date when all
- 9 that happened.
- 10 Q. Mr. Smith was not epileptic, was he?
- 11 A.
- 12 Q. You weren't prescribing it for him for
- 13 epilepsy, were you?
- 14 A.
- 15 Q. You were prescribing it for him for pain
- 16 relief?
- 17 A. Neuropathic pain relief.
- 18 Q. Did you know that was an off-label
- 19 prescription?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I was assuming that a drug rep or someone
- 22 had told you that it was useful for pain relief or
- could be used in that way. Is that something you 23
- got on your own, or is that something that came
- 25 from a -- were you detailed to that?